

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant's counsel, Nathan Grebasch, wishes to thank Examiner Roswell for conducting a telephonic interview on July 9, 2008.

During the interviews, Counsel and the Examiner discussed the Lum/Rosenzweig reference with reference to the amendment submitted herein. In particular, Counsel and the Examiner discussed, with respect to claim 42, the feature of "wrap one or more display controls that are attached to the list with a property that stores a unique identifier that specifies which said data element a particular said display control is currently displaying, the unique identifier identifying an additional property of said data element from the data source without listening to a data item corresponding to said data element". The Examiner and Counsel discussed Rosenzweig's failure to teach this feature as Rosenzweig focuses on access pictures through directory icons (Rosenzweig, Col. 3, lines 6-14) or through a thumbnail (Rosenzweig, Col. 3, lines 35-38). While no formal agreement was reached, the Examiner tentatively indicated that the amendment may succeed in overcoming the pending rejection.

Applicant respectfully requests a phone call if the Examiner believes there are any further issues that might delay issuance.

REMARKS

Claims 42-57 are currently pending. By this paper, claims 42, 45, 50, 51 and 57 are hereby amended. Support for the amendment to claims may be found at paragraphs [0045], [0094]-[0096], FIG. 2b and throughout the application. In light of the amendment and the remarks below, reconsideration is respectfully requested and allowance is solicited.

Rejections under § 103

Claims 42-58 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,065,041 to Lum et al. (hereinafter, "Lum"), and U.S. Patent

7,020,848 to Rosenzweig hereinafter, “Rosenzweig”). Applicant traverses the rejection.

As amended, **Claim 42**, in part recites:

- an application;
- a data source locally accessible to the application that includes a plurality of data elements;
 - software to select a configuration and an appearance of a list of data items from the data source to be presented; and
 - a list manager to be instantiated by the software to:
 - act as an interface between the data source and the list;
 - receive the configuration and the appearance from the software, access the data source, and populate the list of data items according to the configuration and the appearance; and
 - wrap one or more display controls that are attached to the list with a property that stores a unique identifier that specifies which said data element a particular said display control is currently displaying, the unique identifier identifying an additional property of said data element from the data source without listening to a data item corresponding to said data element.

The combination of Lum/Rosenzweig fails to teach at least the above features. The rejection is improper as the Rosenzweig reference, relied on for teaching “wrapping” fails to teach or suggest a “the unique identifier identifying an additional property of said data element from the data source without listening to a data item corresponding to said data element.” Rosenzweig does not teach this feature because Rosenzweig is limited to teaching opening directories, folders, etc, to access pictures. Thus, Rosenzweig fails to disclose “identifying an additional property of said data element from the data source without listening to a data item corresponding to said data element. Removal of the pending rejection is requested and allowance is earnestly solicited.

As amended, **Claim 45**, in part recites:

- receiving properties from an application of a user-selectable display list to be displayed in a graphical user interface;

- attaching user-selectable display controls to the display list;
- accessing data elements from a data source, the data elements to be displayed in the display controls;
- establishing a display state of the display controls;
- receiving a request to change data elements in the display controls; and
- managing the data elements in the display controls by wrapping one or more said display controls with a property that stores a unique identifier that specifies which said data element a particular said display control is currently displaying, the unique identifier enables the application to request an additional property of said data element from the data source beyond that which is currently displayed within the display list without listening to a display control corresponding to said data element.

Applicant traverses the rejection. The present rejection is improper as the combination of Lum/Rosenzweig fails to teach at least the above features. The rejection is improper as the Rosenzweig reference, relied on for teaching “managing the data elements” fails to teach or suggest “the unique identifier enables the application to request an additional property of said data element from the data source beyond that which is currently displayed within the display list without listening to a display control corresponding to said data element.” Rosenzweig does not teach this feature because Rosenzweig simply teaches opening directories, folders, etc, to access pictures. Thus, Rosenzweig fails to teach “the unique identifier enables the application to request an additional property of said data element from the data source beyond that which is currently displayed within the display list without listening to a display control corresponding to said data element.” Removal of the pending rejection is requested and allowance is earnestly solicited.

As amended, **Claim 51**, in part recites:

- means for receiving properties of a user-selectable display list to be displayed in a graphical user interface from an application;
- means for attaching user-selectable display controls to the display list;
- means for accessing data elements from a data source, the data elements to be displayed in the display controls;

- means for establishing a display state of the display controls;
- means for receiving a request to change data elements in the display controls;
- means for managing the data elements in the display controls according to the display state; and
- means for requesting an additional property of said data element from the data source beyond that which is currently displayed within the display list without listening to a display control corresponding to said data element.

Applicant traverses the rejection. The present rejection is improper as the combination of Lum/Rosenzweig fails to teach at least the above features. The rejection is improper as the Rosenzweig reference, relied on for teaching “means for requesting an additional property” fails to teach or suggest a “without listening to a display control corresponding to said data element.” Rosenzweig does not teach this feature because Rosenzweig merely teaches opening directories, folders, etc, to access pictures. Thus, Rosenzweig fails to disclose “means for requesting an additional property of said data element from the data source beyond that which is currently displayed within the display list without listening to a display control corresponding to said data element.” Removal of the pending rejection is requested and allowance is earnestly solicited.

Claims 43, 44, 46-50 and 52-57 all depend, respectively from independent claims 42, 45, and 51 which are believed to be in a condition for allowance. Claims 43, 44, 46-50 and 52-57 additionally recite features which are additionally patentable. Removal of the pending rejection to claims 43, 44, 46-50 and 52-57 is requested and allowance is solicited.

Conclusion

All of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowability. If the Office’s next anticipated action is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice of

Allowability, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call for the purpose of scheduling an interview.

Respectfully Submitted,

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